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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY, FRIDAY, JUNE 28

1. TOP LEADERS MET PRESIDENT AT AIRPORT. ACCOMPANIED
BY PODGORNYY AND KOSYGIN, BREZHNEV MET THE PRESIDENT
AT THE AIRPORT; IN 1972, ONLY THE GOVERNMENTAL MEMBERS
OF THE POLITBURO WERE PRESENT. ALL PAPERS RAN FRONT-
PAGE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AIRPORT WELCOME AND OF
BREZHNEV TALKING WITH THE PRESIDENT IN HIS KREMLIN

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OFFICE. IZVESTIYA DELAYED PUBLICATION TO RUN THE

AIRPORT PHOTOGRAPH. PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV GAVE THE SOVIET SPEECH AT THE STATE DINNER ALTHOUGH THE DINNER WAS GIVEN BY THE SUPREME SOVIET AND IN 1972 PRESIDENT PODGORNÝ SPOKE. OTHERWISE, LEADERSHIP ATTENDANCE AT THE STATE DINNER WAS COMPARABLE TO 1972, AND BOTH SPEECHES WERE PUBLISHED IN FULL AS IN CUSTOMARY. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE 1972 AND 1974 ARRIVALS DIFFERS CHIEFLY IN THE GREATER AMOUNT OF COLLATERAL REPORTAGE GIVEN INTO DAY'S PRESS TO SOVIET-AMERICAN COLLABORATION IN TRADE, SPACE, ETC. SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA, FOR EXAMPLE, RUNS A LONG INTERVIEW WITH SOYUZ SPACE-SHIP COMMANDER COLONEL LEONOV OF THE 1975 JOINT FLIGHT.

2. COLLATERAL STORIES ON U.S.- SOVIET RELATIONS. A MAJOR THEME IS THE STRENGTH OF SUPPORT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR DETENTE AND FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING. AN INTERVIEW IN LAST NIGHT'S IZVESTIYA WITH IOWA REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN SCHERLE EMPHASIZES GRASS-ROOTS SUPPORT FOR CLOSER BILATERAL TIES; A TASS INTERVIEW IN PRAVDA WITH DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN O'NEILL MAKES THE POINT THAT PROGRESS ON ARMS CONTROL IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT SUMMITS; AND PRAVDA GIVES TOP BILLING ON ITS INTERNATIONAL PAGE TO SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S SPEECH NOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUMMIT. CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL LEWIS BOWDEN PROVIDED A PEG FOR THE MORNING PRESS TO EMPHASIZE THE BENEFITS TO THE U.S. OF BILATERAL TRADE AND TO PLUG MFN. IN GENERAL THE PRESS ACCOUNTS SKIRT PROBLEM AREAS IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, REFERENCES TO SENATOR JACKSON ARE MUTED, AND THERE IS NO NEGATIVE REPORTING ON THE UNITED STATES.

3. SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. FORMER SADAT ADVISOR HAFEZ ISMAIL PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS YESTERDAY AS EGYPT'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION. IN HIS REMARKS (SUMMARIZED BY TASS IN PRAVDA) HAFEZ NOTED THE COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT THE USSR HAS GIVEN EGYPT, CITING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE ITS "ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTION" TO STRENGTHENING EGYPT'S DEFENSE CAPABILITY. HAFEZ DID NOT REFER TO THE 1971 FRIENDSHIP TREATY; PODGORNÝ, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN HIS REMARKS, DID. PODGORNÝ ALSO MADE POINTED MENTION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND SAID THAT THE USSR "DECISIVELY OPPOSES ANY EFFORTS TO DISTURB FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
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